

**Advisory Council for  
Asian Pacific American Affairs  
October 2, 2006 Meeting Summary**

The Advisory Council for Asian Pacific American Affairs held its October meeting at the International Institute, University of Michigan in Ann Arbor with H. Sook Wilkinson, Ph.D. presiding. This meeting began with presentations by Dr. Amy Ku'uleialoha Stillman, Council member and Associate Professor of American Culture - Director of the Asian/Pacific Islander American Studies at the University of Michigan and Michael Flanagan, Superintendent of Public Instruction, Michigan Department of Education.

Chair Wilkinson recently presented portions of the Council's Policy Recommendation Document to New Detroit's Multicultural Immersion Program. The document, which makes numerous recommendations for better reaching out and serving the Asian Pacific American community in Michigan, was formally presented to Governor Jennifer M. Granholm in May of 2006.

To read the report, go to:

[http://www.michigan.gov/documents/ACAPAA\\_policy\\_recommendation\\_159211\\_7.pdf](http://www.michigan.gov/documents/ACAPAA_policy_recommendation_159211_7.pdf).

The Council will sponsor an Immigration Law Seminar on December 1 at the State Secondary Complex in Dimondale.

Council member Rep. Hoon-Yung Hopgood is again spearheading the annual APA Heritage Celebration at the Capitol. Planning has already begun for the May, 2007 event. He also announced that House Bill 6557 has been introduced to the Legislature; this bill would amend 1978 PA 368, "Public Health Code," relating to requirements for graduates of foreign nursing schools.

Other business included reports from the Business, Civil Rights, Communications, Cultural, Education, Health and Immigration Committees.

The next meeting of the Council will be December 7, 2006 at the Philippine American Community Center, Southfield.

The Advisory Council on Asian Pacific American Affairs was created by a May 2005, Executive Order (No.2005 – 10) from Governor Jennifer M. Granholm, to advise the Governor and the Department of Civil Rights on policy matters pertaining to Asian and Pacific Americans in Michigan. H. Sook Wilkinson, Ph.D, was appointed Chair of the Council, which was placed administratively inside the Michigan Department of Civil Rights. A copy of the Governor's Executive Order is available on the Governor's website at <http://www.michigan.gov/gov>.